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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OEXC, LT

SUBJECT: FY 75 CU NOMINATIONS

REF: STATE 66199

1. PROPOSED GRANT FOR FONMIN KOTSOKOANE. DO NOT BELIEVE KOTSOKOANE WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS BY ASKING FOR VIP TREATMENT, INCLUDING CALL ON SECRETARY. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSURE HIM IN ADVANCE THAT VIP TREATMENT NOT PART OF TRAVEL GRANT AND BELIEVE HE CAN BE CONVINCED SUCH TREATMENT NOT NECESSARY.

2. KOTSOKOANE SAYS HE WISHES TO LOOK INTO AGRICULTURAL AREAS, PARTICULARLY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY. SUGGEST UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS AS BEING PARTICULARLY USEFUL. KOTSOKOANE ALSO INTERESTED IN ROTARY, 4-H AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. HE WOULD GENERALLY APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE HE ENJOYED WHILE STUDYING AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

3. KOTSOKOANE IS INDEED HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AND APPEARS LIKELY TO RETAIN PROMINENCE. WE THEREFORE WISH TO RENEW OUR REQUEST FOR FULL IV GRANT. MRS. KOTSOKOANE HAS NO EVIDENT SUBSTANTIVE INVOLVEMENT BUT WE CONTINUE TO HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN LOCATE PRIVATE FUNDING FOR HER TRAVEL. IF NOT, REQUEST FOR FULL IV GRANT FOR MINISTER STILL STANDS.

4. IV GRANT FOR CHARLES MOFELI. EMBASSY HAS NOT ACTED ON SUGGESTION FOR IV GRANT FOR UNDP LEADER CHARLES MOFELI AS  
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HE WAS FY 1969 IV GRANTEE AND IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO MAKE

SPECIAL PLACE FOR HIM IN FY 75 PLANNING. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN MOFELI IN FY 74 PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION BUT SPECIAL GRANT FOR HIM NOW WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE VIEWED BY GOL AS UNFRIENDLY ACT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MOFELI'S RECENT REQUEST THAT US TERMINATE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WHILE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN POWER. MOFELI CERTAINLY WORTH WATCHING AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH AS PRE-EMINENT OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE RETURN FROM SECOND IV GRANT WOULD BE WORTH JEOPARDIZING PRESENT GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOL.

5. IV GRANT NOMINEES TJOTSANE AND SEEISO. TJOTSANE PRESENTLY STUDYING IN SWAZILAND ON UBLS SCHOLARSHIP AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL UNTIL DEC 1976. RECOMMEND GRANT BE CANCELLED. WILL RESUBMIT NOMINATION WHEN CANDIDATE AVAILABLE AND IF CIRCUMSTANCES STILL WARRANT GRANT. WILL ADVISE ON SEEISO WITHIN FEW DAYS.

6. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR IN MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING FOR UBLS ROMA. CONSIDER PROGRAM TOO EXPENSIVE AND UBLS' CURRENT STATE DOES NOT RECOMMEND ITSELF FOR USG SPONSORED FACULTY MEMBER.

7. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH IV NOMINATIONS FOR BALANCE OF LESOTHO CU FUNDS.  
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